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Mr. Shawn Musgrave
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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2013-162 – Acknowledgement Letter

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), dated September 18, 2013, and seeking the database of possible excessive use of force allegations underlying report number OIG-13-114, "CBP Use of Force Training and Actions To Address Use of Force Incidents" (copy enclosed for reference). DHS-OIG received your request on September 19, 2013, and assigned it the above-referenced tracking number.

Your request has been placed in the queue for processing in the order in which it was received. Although DHS-OIG's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). Because of the need to examine a voluminous amount of records, DHS-OIG hereby invokes this 10-day extension for your request, and estimates a response to your request to be provided within 30 business days. Please note, however, that the actual time required to respond to your request depends on the complexity of voluminous records located. If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

Should you have questions, please contact us at 202-254-4001 or foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov. Refer to the above-referenced tracking number if you contact us regarding your request. If we require additional information, we will contact you.

Sincerely,

Traci Quan
FOIA/PA Disclosure Specialist

Copy of FOIA Request

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Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 10:51:36 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

The database of possible excessive use of force allegations underlying the DHS OIG's report ("CBP Use of Force Training and Actions To Address Use of Force Incidents," http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/2013/OIG_13-114_Sep13.pdf).

From the report:

To determine the universe of excessive force investigations involving CBP employees, we received data sets from OIG and JICMS that included more than 21,000 records of possible excessive force allegations.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Shawn Musgrave

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